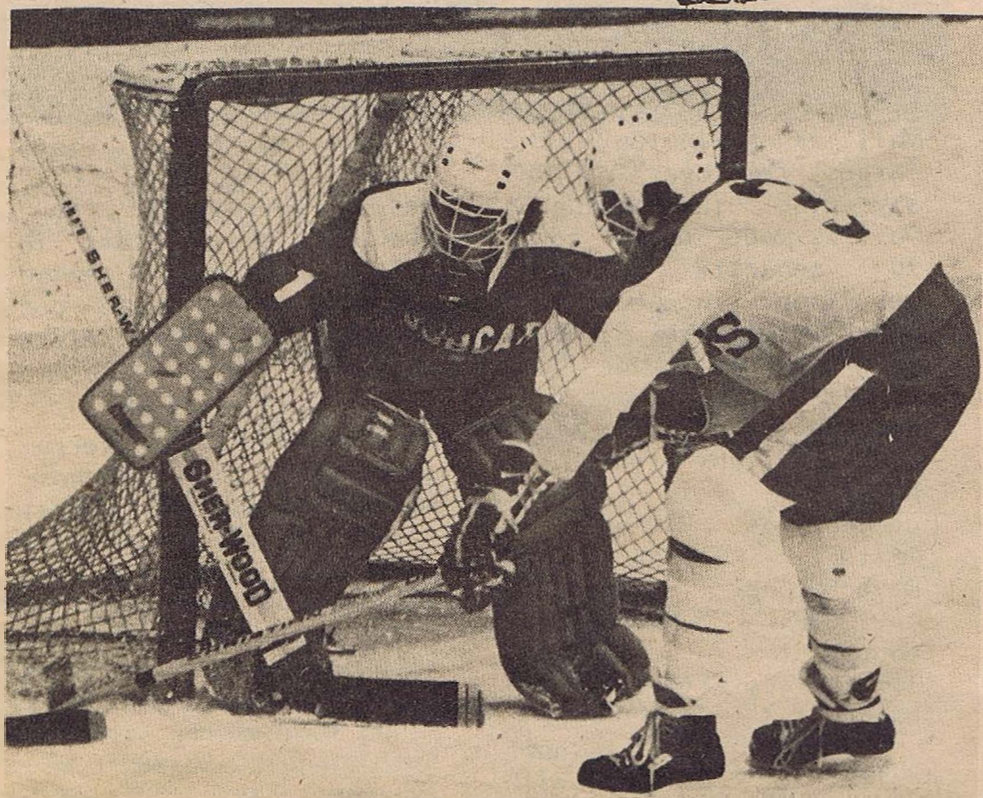


THE WORKING STUDENT



ORHS Goalie Jeff Loughlin and forward Greg Bennett team up for a save against Bishop Gertin H.S.

Former ORHS student sorts shoelaces

by Karen DeMarco

Wearing an orange T-shirt and blue sweat pants, 19-year old Mary Kinzly sat on a white and brown colonial sofa efficiently matching and knotting printed shoelaces while she explained why she holds two jobs.

"It's for the money and it makes me more independent. I pay for all my expenses and I try to help out around the house as much as I can."

The 5'5", 1981 Oyster River High School graduate waitresses part-time at Del Rossi's Italian Restaurant, Durham, as well as matching and knotting brightly printed shoelaces for Mrs. Adrienne Burley, owner of Fixin's and Findings, Dover.

Working for Mrs. Burley requires that Mary examines printed shoelaces for defects before matching two together and tying them in a loose knot to be sold. The laces come in bundles that take an hour to work through. The pay rate is \$11.00 a bundle.

Mary enjoys stringing laces more than her \$2.21 an hour job plus tips at Del Rossi's, but, she says, the hours are more organized at Del Rossi's. "I never know when Mrs. Burley will have a bundle for me."

The jobs did interfere with her homework, said Mary, who is taking several classes at the University of New Hampshire through the Division of Continuing Education. "My grades first semester were very bad," she said. "I'm going to budget my time more wisely next semester."

When asked if two jobs ever caused any inconveniences, Mary gave a definite "yes." "There's times when I'll be tired and cranky and I'd rather be doing shoelaces and earning more money instead of waiting on customers. Also, I'll finish a busy shift at Del Rossi's and I'll get home to find two bundles waiting to be done when all I want to do is go to bed."

Mary is able to set her own hours for Mrs. (Continued pg. 2)

Working students respond in survey

By Anne Cilley
Dick Dawson
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Twenty-three percent of the students responding to a recent survey at Oyster River High School hold regular jobs in the area.

Males and females are equally represented in the working force; more 17 year-olds hold jobs than younger students.

Students who work more than 20 hours a week see a dramatic decline in grades. As Peter McDonald said, "My homework doesn't always get done. I come home late at night and I don't always feel like doing it."

Senior Crescentia Healy said, "School and work are both important to me and I have learned to keep both of them up at the same time. If I felt my grades were slipping, I wouldn't work less, I would just apply myself more in school-work."

Sports writing is Bogel's job

by Sylvie Fortier

While most high school students are washing dishes, babysitting, punching a cash register, or waitressing, there are a few who are employed in what are usually considered professional jobs.

Bruce Bogle, 17, a senior at Oyster River High School, is currently employed writing sports articles for both Foster's Daily Democrat and The Transcript.

Starting this fall, Bogle has written four stories each week for Foster's. He attends ORHS games, writes his stories, (Continued pg. 3)

Roughly 45% of those surveyed receive minimum wage; 31% receive under \$3.00 for mostly farm and restaurant work; and 23% receive more than \$3.50 an hour for hourly paying positions.

Of the reasons cited for working, the most common was paying for entertainment expenses and miscellaneous costs. Clothing, car expenses and aid to the family were cited next as reasons for holding jobs.

Sitters have very important job; low pay

by Jennifer Snow

More than half of the students responding to a recent survey at Oyster River High School babysit as a primary job. The vast majority of these are females who receive half the minimum wage.

Of the 234 students surveyed, 128 babysit. Only 27 of those are male. 95 of these students are 14 to 16 years old, while only 33 are 17 to 19 years old.

Babysitting interferes little with school work for 27 of these students. The rest felt it doesn't interfere at all.

Wages for these students range from \$1 to \$3 per hour, but the majority are on the \$1.00 to \$1.50 side. The average wage at ORHS is \$1.70.

Although babysitters aren't complaining about their pay, ninth grader Christina Canas says babysitters should be paid higher during the day. This is because the babysitter has to entertain the child.



Kevin Ronan, alias Elwood P. Dowd, introduces his 6' rabbit in "Harvey" while Annie Linden, Sue Parsons and Ellen Jensen look on.

Will busy in Restaurant

by Eric Moore and Steve Schaub

Dan Will, a 15 year old sophomore is a dishwasher cook who has been working at the Tally-Ho Restaurant since last June. He also plays the French horn and is one of the working students on the honor roll.

Dan works on a Saturday morning from 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. if it is a busy day. Dan says he works on Sundays at the same time, but rarely during the week. Other Oyster River High School students who fill in during the week are Amy Trafton, Joe Reid, Debbie Laroche and Chris Scarland.

Mary, one of the waitresses, is one of Dan's two college sisters who both work at the Tally-Ho on vacation. Mary and Maura, the other sister, stated that they helped Dan get his job at the Tally-Ho.

When Dan arrives at work, he changes into a white dishwasher's apron before walking down the hall to where he usually works, the dishwashing area of the kitchen.

"I work mostly for the money, to use now and to save for college, although I also get a sense of accomplishment just knowing I am

working." Dan says. He says the job does not at all interfere with his studies and few of his teachers even know he has a job. At this moment, Mary sticks her head through the door and tells Dan that there are some dishes that need to be collected and washed. Dan explains that each waitress puts dirty dishes into gray buckets which he has to collect and bring into the kitchen to wash.

He returns a minute later with a bucket full of plates, glasses, silverware, bowls and trash which he begins to empty, throwing the silverware into another soap-filled bucket.

He rinses off glasses, bowls and plates into a large sink and places them in another plastic tray for them to be washed.

Dan earns \$2.75 an hour, which he says is "pretty good considering I'm only 15." He says if he gets the minimum wage when he turns 16, he plans to work at the Tally-Ho through the rest of high school. He says he will become a cook when there is an opening for one and sometimes helps George Aikens, the chef, when it is busy.

Dan gets along with everybody; he cracks jokes with the cook, the

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Mary Kinzly juggles shoelaces

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Burley, but she tries to do a bundle a day. "It just seems a lot more efficient to do it that way."

Although Mary's title at Del Rossi's is waitress, she seems to be a jack-of-all-trades. "One girl covers the entire floor, puts dishes in the dishwasher or away, clears ashtrays and occasionally

answers the phone," she said.

Mary says that she will continue to work at Del Rossi's and for Mrs. Burley at least until May. "I may quit at Del Rossi's then because I'd like to work at a bigger restaurant during the summer. I do intend to keep working for Mrs. Burley for as long as I can, though."

Newington Mall is biggest student employer

By Crescentia Healy

Oyster River High School job hunters are many, while actual job opportunities in Durham are few.

For high school seniors Amy Michel, Julie Verran, Dave Bothner, Darlene Bosket and 15 others the answer to the problem was the Newington Mall in Newington, the largest employer of CRHS students. The Newington Mall is made up of over 70 separate stores, resulting in countless job opportunities.

Like any other job, however, you have to apply at the right store at the right time, or better yet, have connections. "It's all a matter of timing," said Dave Bothner, employed by the GAP. "I was lucky enough to apply immediately after someone had quit."

Luck, as Bothner calls it, was also with Darlene Bosket, who works at the Cookie Jar, while on the other hand, both Amy Michel of Weathervane and Julie Verran of Foxmoor had connections.

"Thanks to Crescentia Healy, I learned of an opening at Weathervane. She already told her manager about me, so I got the job the day I applied nine months ago," Michel said. Verran received her job in a similar situation when CRHS graduate Kim Kayser passed the word on to her last August.

Getting the job was easier than arranging the 20 mile round-trip afterwards.

"Don't be surprised if you see me thumbing to work," said Bothner. "It really isn't so bad. People are always going to or from the mall and Portsmouth." Michel and Verran who don't consider "thumbing" safe, often have to depend on their parents to give them rides to and from work. "It's a real pain because I know my parents have better things to do," said Verran, "but whenever they start to get mad at me, I remind them who pushed me to get a job in the first place."

Bothner and Verran only work on weekends, while Michel and Bosket vary from 10 to 16 hours per week. Due to the mall's hours, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12-5 p.m. on Sundays, the employees find themselves arriving home at 10:00-10:30 p.m., if they have to close. For these students who work during the week, the late hours do have a slight effect on their school work. "What I don't finish before work waits until afterwards or in the morning, which affects my sleep more than anything else," says Bosket. Bothner, a varsity basketball player said, "I don't have that much homework anyway, but basketball is what affects it when I do, not work."

The employees wages vary from the \$3.35 minimum to 20 cents above.

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Rock and Roll fame comes to Durham in the Toes. Shown here are, Tony Ejarque, Charlie Collins, Skip Murray, Mike Grossi, Jay Dreyer, and Rafael Figueroa.

Toes rock for a few bucks and a lot of fun

by Robert Heilbronner

The small room is cluttered with a multitude of amplifiers, guitars, keyboards, drums, a profusion of wires, plus six musicians in various postures (ranging from horizontal to somewhat vertical), the entire scene permeated by the pulsing, grinding chords of "Jumpin' Jack Flash."

The Rolling Stones in a studio session? Not quite. In reality, the six are high school juniors working hard to make a few bucks and have some fun.

They are known collectively as "The Toes," a name which sets them apart from other bands because it clearly characterizes them as "a good-time rock band," as bassist Mike Grossi puts it. However much fun they have, though, they always see money raising its ugly head.

While four members of the band have other jobs, Skip Murray, lead guitarist, said "The Toes is my income, meager as it is." According to Murray, he has contributed close to \$800 in equipment and incidental costs, and has received \$27 in return. "It's a small price to pay for potential fame," quips Murray.

Playing in The Toes is a refreshing alternative to such high school kids' jobs as standing behind a dishwasher, said Rafael Figueroa, the lead singer. "We wouldn't do it if it weren't fun. We aren't prostitutes to our jobs," said Grossi.

As in any high school job, there can be conflict with school. "My schoolwork is definitely suffering," said Charlie Col-

lins, the drummer, "Playing with The Toes will demand more and more, but I'm willing to put in the time.

There is a fierce loyalty towards the band emphasized by a Ejarque's pun, "No-one can step on a toe." Ejarque, Collins, Grossi, and Figueroa said they would miss a few hours of their better-paying jobs to practice with the band.

Even though they are self-employed and many people idealize "playing" for a job, the group has some of the same problems as giant corporations. The "personnel department" is one of these problems.

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Writing job

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and relays them to Foster's the next day by phone.

"It's decent money, \$5 per story and a \$10 per month salary, and I'd probably go to the games anyway, just to watch," said Bogle.

Two weeks ago, Bogle started work at the Transcript where he types up five stories each week at 40 cents per column inch.

Bogle acquired these jobs when senior Jim Kelsey decided he was no longer interested and recommended Bogle. Jim commented, "The pay was incredibly bad and the newspaper editors have to have everything on time, or they are bears about it."

Bogle says his 12-15 hour work week does not adversely affect his school work and may even improve his writing skills. "The job fits in with my schedule and still leaves time for basketball," he adds.

Personality is a plus for ORHS grad working at rest home

by Martin Warren

The telephone rings at Goodwin's Rest Home, Exeter, and 1981 Oyster River graduate Kenn Hurley picks it up. "With a poached egg and toast-you're dreaming," he answers. But when Kenn hangs up the phone, he rushes to take care of the order. "After all," he says, "as I see that the patients are all on their last legs. I might as well make them as happy as I can."

The kitchen is spotless with plates all neatly stacked, pitchers in straight rows, and the metallic counters spic and span. When the food is prepared, it is almost time to serve the patients their dinner. Kenn rolls up his white sleeves and fills forty glasses with ice-water.

Kenn got his job at Goodwin's through ORHS aide Mrs. Deborah Kenedy whose husband is Kenn's boss. Kenn averages 15 hours a week, part-time, at \$4.20 an hour.

At the same time, Kenn is studying at the Thompson School of Applied Sciences at the University of New Hampshire for an associate's degree in Food Management. He feels he benefits from his job experience particularly in areas of management, hospitality and sanitation. Kenn must read 200 diet cards and serve the proper deserts to 40 bed-ridden patients. He also delivers food to 11 mobile patients gathered in a small dining room.

After Kenn drops off the food he stops at the room of Fanny Land and

Grace Wetherdall, two of Kenn's favorite residents. Their wrinkled faces light up when they see him. "How are you Kenn," Mrs. Land explains.

At 4:45 it's time to serve dinner to twenty-five of the mobile patients. Kenn stands by the door to the carpeted dining room and greets all the patients as they enter. "Hi sweet-heart how are you?" he often says.

He then wheels in the wheelchair patients and helps those who have difficulty walking. Seating one lady he says, "Mrs., you look beautiful today."

Later he circulates, serving tea and coffee, gently touching the ladies on the back or shoulder as he offers them their cups. After he ends up in conversation seeming to be a favorite of the patients.

Kenn believes the best part of his job is the patients, "if I'm gone they will tell me they missed me and ask where I've been," he says. "I've talked with a man who claims he walked across Belgium, Germany and into Russia. You can get into some great conversations," he says. "The patients are interested in youth and I love to hear about how things used to be; we complement each other."

The worst of Kenn's job is the deaths of people he has known. "It comes so quickly when they die. One week I'm talking with them and then they're gone. I feel bad about it but I don't want them to suffer either," he notes.

Working in a rest home may sound unattractive to most people but not to Kenn. "I love these people. I'll always do my best for them. I want to make everyone happy. I'll smile at everyone. We (the kitchen workers) are all very content working here."

The administration at Goodwin's recognized Kenn's conscientious approach to his job by naming him December's employee of the month.



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What do ORHS teachers think of working students?

by Laura Mosberg
and Mike Wulf

Four of 22 teachers at Oyster River High School object to students holding after school jobs; all agree jobs lower grades. None will make allowance for students with jobs, a recent survey showed.

Math teacher Peter Stoykovich is one of the teachers who object to students holding jobs. He only approves in those cases where a student needs to support himself or his family, or is earning money for college. "However, I think that most of the students at ORHS are not working for those reasons," he says.

Math teacher Barbara Hill cites statistics to support her disapproval of students holding after school jobs. A study showed that in Richardson, Texas, students who worked fewer than ten hours weekly had averages seven points higher than those working more than 30 hours weekly. Another study in Orange, California, showed the same results.

Art teacher, William Childs is in favor of student holding jobs. "I think high school students should learn about earning some of their own money and make decisions about using it," he said.

Mr. Stoykovich can't understand why students want to jeopardize their future earnings. He thinks that doing well in school, and doing well in the future are directly related. Holding a job has adverse effects on school, he feels.

Mr. Childs feels as far as poor grades go, it's not the job, but how the students organize their available time.

Career Education teacher, Michelle Reardon says she doesn't think an after school job is going to help in a later career. If a student wants experience for a career, a part time volunteer job is the answer, not a 20-hour-a-week job at Burger King.

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"Teachers who believe that are just kidding themselves," he notes. "If a teacher finds students doing poorly on tests, the teacher will subtly make the tests easier," he said.

Another teacher thinks that for students who don't plan to go onto college, school shouldn't be a full-time job. For them, and outside job is fine.

Mr. Stoykovich said he doesn't believe teachers who say they don't make allowances for working students.

ORHS Principal Gerald Daley feels it depends a great deal on the student and the job. "I approve of jobs only when they don't interfere with school," he said.

Toes rock

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Just as in most high level jobs, Toes are chosen based on demonstrated talent and experience. Jay Dreyer, the non-Oyster River Toe, been playing the for nine years, has been drumming for Grossi has been bass guitar for four, Ejarque and Murray each been playing for years. Figueroa has singing from his memories, but has only in a rock group

Last October, band's lead vocalist lead keyboard player, Chu Deal, left The Toes to a job with another. The Toes needed a so they asked Figueroa join them. The other members have been since elementary but Rafael was a "Raf presents an view, and tells us that we can't always ourselves," said Ejarque, rhythm

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OR students — working the front and making dough



ORHS Senior Ted Weesner "works the front" at Durham's Cookie Jar.

by Ted Weesner

The smell of chocolate chip cookies now permeates the Durham Laundry Center, its front left-hand corner boxed off with white formica, vibrant red letters spelling out, "The Cookie Jar."

Oyster River Senior Cindy Kulp, outfitted in white apron, white puffy baker's hat and clear surgical gloves pats out dough into Big Chippers. Besides baking cookies, Cindy's jobs include constant cleaning of the floors, counters, ovens, frosting tips and bags, cookie trays, windows and spatulas, and "working the front." The most terrific job to most employees is the actual selling to customers. "When you're up front you really find out what people are like. Many are rude and obnoxious. The thing that keeps you going is the one person of a hundred that is really nice," says Oyster River Junior Erin Purdy.

As part of a three-year, ten-store plan, The Cookie Jar, a locally-owned company, opened a new store in Durham.

The Cookie Jar originated in the Newington Mall where it has been "tremendously successful" says owner Ken Purdy. The Cookie Jar sells eight different kinds of chocolate chip cookies besides oatmeal raisin, oatmeal chocolate chip, sugar, and chocolate chocolate chip cookies. Soft drinks, ice

cream and milk are also sold.

"Of the money I make at \$3.35 an hour, I usually spend half and put the other half in the bank," says Purdy. She works from fifteen to twenty-one hours grossing \$50 to \$70. Erin, daughter of owner Ken Purdy, sees no ill effects on her school work.

Approximately ten employees staff the Durham store, primarily UNH and ORHS students. Though employees are free to consume as many cookies as they want, after about two weeks they are "cooked out."

Will kept busy

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manager, the waitresses and the customers, who all joke with him and each other. Often Dan and George exchange jokes about each other's "quality of cooking."

After rinsing off all the plates and putting them onto a tray, Dan slides the tray along the side and under a metal box. He slides the two sides down around the tray and starts the dishwasher.

Dan says the thing he likes to do best is cook. The thing he hates is cleaning the bathroom and emptying trash at the end of the day.

During the summer, he works two to three nights a week plus the weekend. Dan says that's when his college savings get a real boost.

When the dishwasher stops, Dan puts all the cups, plates and bowls into separate little buckets and walks into the cooking area of the kitchen.

In the cooking area, Dan talks with George about running some errands after work and says he would show off his cooking skills if someone would order.

But no one orders and the owner, Joe Sousa, comes in and Dan goes back to wash more dishes.

Dan admits that one of the reasons he probably got the job so young is that his two sisters were already working at the Tally-Ho.

"I'm lucky they work here," Dan says.